

8123 FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR TRAINING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

8123 Fighter Interceptor Training Squadron

Activated on 1 January 1983

Inactivated 1 Feb 1984

STATIONS

Kingsley Field, Oregon

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-4

COMMANDERS

Maj Bill Morris

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

In 1982, the USAF announced a proposal to establish an air defense "schoolhouse" for F-4 Phantoms under the ANG. With that announcement, Maj Bill Morris became the squadron commander for the 8123 Fighter Interceptor Training Squadron. Captain Billy Cox, Base Commander 1996-1998, came down from Portland as a full-time instructor pilot to help begin building up the new F-4 schoolhouse.

The 8123 FITS became activated on 1 January 1983, and the first F-4 pilot training class began on 1 February 1983. The school's initial course offered "Operational Training Course and Air Defense" to four students, taught by three instructors using two F-4C. A total of nine students graduated the first year.

On 1 February 1984, the 8123 FITS inactivated and the 114 Tactical Fighter Training Squadron activated.

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